

"Nothing Gold Can Stay"

by: Robert Frost

INSTRUCTIONS: Beneath each line of the poem state the line's literal meaning. What do you think it means?

Line 1: Nature's first green is gold,

Line 2: Her hardest hue to hold.

Line 3: Her early leaf's a flower;

Line 4: But only so an hour.

Line 5: Then leaf subsides to leaf.

Line 6: So Eden sank to grief,

Line 7: So dawn goes down to day.

Line 8: Nothing gold can stay.

What is your interpretation of the poem? What do you think it means? One paragraph please.